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FOLLOWING REPEAT ROME 5002 ACTION SECSTATE
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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPING OF ALDO MORO

REF: STATE 067971

FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY CABLE GIVING AS MUCH INFORMATION BRIEFLY
AS IS KNOWN AT THIS TIME. A DETAILED REPORT WILL FOLLOW LATER.
POLICE AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT BEEN CONTACTED AS YET REGARDING
THIS MATTER. THE TIMING IS INOPPORTUNE AS ALL POLICE FORCES
ARE OCCUPIED WITH MASSIVE SEARCH AND INVESTIGATIVE MATTERS.

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A. THE TERRORISTS USED A FIAT "128" STATION WAGON WHICH
BRAKED SUDDENLY IN FRONT OF THE PRINCIPAL'S CAR. THE
LATTER BUMPED INTO THE "128" AND THE POLICE FOLLOW CAR
BUMPED INTO THE REAR OF THE PRINCIPAL'S CAR, IN EFFECT,
TRAPPING IT INTO IMMOBILITY BETWEEN THE TWO VEHICLES. NO
OTHER ROAD BARRIER WAS USED.

B. A LARGE AMERICAN CAR COULD HAVE MOVED THE "128", BUT SO COULD HAVE THE PRINCIPAL'S FIAT 130. THE PROBLEM WAS THE POLICE ESCORT HAD NO TIME TO REACT AS THEY WERE DEAD OR WOUNDED WITHIN SECONDS.

: PRINCIPAL'S VEHICLE WAS A FIAT 130 SEDAN. IT WAS NOT ARMORED.

D. NOT KNOWN.

E. CHAUFFEUR OF PRINCIPAL'S CAR WAS 44 YEAR OLD CARABINIERE AND HAD CHAUFFERED MOR FOR 20 YEARS. CHAUFFEUR OF POLICE FOLLOW CAR WAS A 52 YEAR OLD CARABINIERE.

F. THERE WERE TWO POLICEMEN RIDING IN THE FRONT SEAT OF THE PRINCIPAL'S VEHICLE. ONE WAS THE DRIVER. BOTH WERE KILLED.

G. NOT KNOWN. WHAT WAS KNOWN IS THAT MORO GOES TO COMMUNION EVERY MORNING AT THE SAME CHURCH. ALSO, IT WAS EVIDENT THAT AS PRESIDENT OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY HE WOULD BE PRESENT THAT DAY IN THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES TO TAKE PART IN THE DEBATE ON THE NEW GOVERNMENT.

H. THE NEWSPAPERS REPORT THAT THE ESCORT DID FROM TIME TO TIME TAKE ALTERNATE ROUTES. EXTENT IS NOT KNOWN. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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I. NO POLICE LEAD CAR WAS USED.

J. ALFETTA 2000. NOT ARMED.

K. NOT KNOWN.

L. IT IS BELIEVED THE TERRORISTS USED A "TULA TOKAREV TT", A RUSSIAN AUTOMATIC PISTOL DATING BACK TO 1930. IT NORMALLY USES 7.62 CALIBRE BULLETS, BUT WILL ALSO TAKE SLIGHTLY LARGER MAUSER AMMUNITION. IT IS PRESENTLY IN USE BY THE RUSSIAN ARMY AND IS ALSO PRODUCED UNDER OTHER NAMES IN BULGARIA AND PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA. AMONG THE 77 SHELLS FOUND ON THE SCENE THERE WERE IDENTIFIED SOME FROM A "NAGANT" PISTOL, ANOTHER RUSSIAN ARM DATING BACK TO CZARIST ARMY DAYS. THIS WEAPON HAS BEEN USED IN SEVERAL OF THE RED BRIGADE KILLINGS. ALSO IDENTIFIED WERE SHELLS FROM A "MAB 38" A MACHINEGUN-PISTOL OF A TYPE PRESENTLY IN USE BY THE ITALIAN ARMED FORCES.

M. RESIDENTIAL ZONE. TO ONE SIDE OF THE STREET IS AN ABANDONED BAR, TO THE RIGHT RESIDENCES. AT INTERSECTION

A STOP SIGN. PHOTOGRAPHS AND DIAGRAMS TO ACCOMPANY
DETAILED REPORT WILL BETTER DESCRIBE.

N. NONE KNOWN.

O. IT IS BELIEVED AT LEAST 12 RED BRIGADISTS WERE INVOLVED
INCLUDING ONE WOMAN: FOUR DRESSED IN ALITALIA PILOTS
UNIFORMS WHO DID THE KILLING: 4 DRIVERS, AS IT SEEMS
THIS MANY AUTOS WERE UTILIZED IN THE ATTACK AND 4, INCLUDING
THE WOMAN, ASSIGNED AS "COVER" TO INSURE PROTECTION
FOR THE ESCAPE. THE IDENTITY OF THE RB MEMBERS IS NOT
KNOWN.

P. PRINCIPAL AND FOLLOW CAR ONLY. NO MOTORCADE.
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ARTICLES FROM ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAILIES WILL BE POUCHED.
IT MUST BE REMEMBERED THAT THERE IS STILL GREAT CONFUSION IN
REGARDS TO EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED. THE OVERALL FACTS ARE
KNOWN. THE NUMBER OF ATTACKERS MAY HAVE BEEN 12 OR THERE
MAY HAVE BEEN LESS. GARDNER

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